

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2023. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 1424 9TH AVENUE, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 FAX: 406-444-9317 PHONE: 406-444-6999.

Application Number: 41I 30153374
Applicant: MONTANA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
11 MC CLELLAN CREEK RD
CLANCY, MT 59634 9620

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

| Water Right Type | Water Right Number | Priority Date |
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| PROVISIONAL PERMIT | 41I 110337-00 | JANUARY 20, 2000 |
| Historical Flow Rate: 130. GPM | Historical Consumptive Volume: 15.10 AC-FT | |
| | Historical Diverted Volume: 31.30 AC-FT | |

PAST USE OF WATER

THE PAST USE OF WATER FOR PERMIT 41I 110337-00 WAS FOR IRRIGATION AND INSTITUTIONAL USE FROM A SINGLE GROUNDWATER WELL LOCATED IN THE NWSWSW OF SECTION 13, T09N, R03W, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE PERMIT WAS USED FOR INSTITUTIONAL USE AT THE MONTANA CITY SCHOOL (LOCATED IN THE SWNW OF SECTION 13, T09N, R03W) AND WAS ALSO USED TO IRRIGATE 7.8 ACRES OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (LOCATED IN THE SWNW OF SECTION 13 AND THE SESENE OF SECTION 14, BOTH IN T09N, R03W). THE HISTORICAL USE OF THIS PERMIT IS A MAXIMUM DIVERTED FLOW RATE OF 130 GPM, A DIVERTED VOLUME OF 31.3 AF, AND A CONSUMED VOLUME OF 15.1 AF.

PROPOSED CHANGE

FLOW RATE: 130.00 GPM

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION – A NEW GROUNDWATER WELL IN THE SWSWNW SECTION 13, T09N, R03W, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE NEW WELL IS ABOUT 500 FEET SOUTHWEST OF THE EXISTING WELL USED FOR THIS PERMIT. WHILE THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY (PWS) PERMITTING PROCESS DOES NOT REQUIRE A REDUNDANT WELL FOR THIS WATER SYSTEM, THE APPLICANT IS PURSUING THIS CHANGE TO ENSURE A RELIABLE GROUNDWATER SUPPLY IS ALWAYS ACCESSIBLE, WHILE ALLOWING THE SCHOOL TO HAVE OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY WITH THEIR WATER USAGE AND EASE OF MANAGING PWS TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS. FOR TYPICAL OPERATION, THE APPLICANT PLANS TO USE THE PROPOSED NEW WELL FOR THE PERMIT’S INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE AND CONTINUE USING THE EXISTING WELL FOR THE IRRIGATION PURPOSE.

ADDITIONALLY, THE APPLICANT AMENDED THEIR APPLICATION TO ALSO PROPOSE A CHANGE TO THEIR IRRIGATION PLACE OF USE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE CHANGE IN ORIENTATION OF THE ATHLETIC FIELD IN 2014 AND TO GENERALLY UPDATE AND REDUCE THE IRRIGATION PLACE OF USE TO MATCH THE ACREAGE THEY ARE CURRENTLY IRRIGATING. THE PROPOSED IRRIGATION PLACE OF USE IS 4.32 TOTAL ACRES, INCLUDING:
-2.87 ACRES IN SWNW SECTION 13, T09N, R03W, JEFFERSON COUNTY
-0.01 ACRES IN NWSW SECTION 13, T09N, R03W, JEFFERSON COUNTY
-1.07 ACRES IN SENE SECTION 14, T09N, R03W, JEFFERSON COUNTY
-0.37 ACRES IN NESE SECTION 14, T09N, R03W, JEFFERSON COUNTY

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